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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Third Infantry Division (Mechanized) of the United States Army for its role in the liberation of Iraq.

Whereas the Third Infantry Division of the United States Army was organized in 1917 for participation in World War I, and its fierce defense of positions along the Marne River in France in July 1918 blocked an enemy onslaught on approaches to Paris and earned the Division the motto “Rock of the Marne”;

Whereas the soldiers of the Third Infantry Division, now mechanized, stand ready to answer the call to defeat aggression with rock solid determination;

Whereas more than 16,000 men and women from the First and Second Brigades of the Third Infantry Division (Mechanized), stationed at Fort Stewart, Georgia, and the Third Brigade of the Division, stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia, were deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom;

Whereas the families of the soldiers of the Third Infantry Division (Mechanized) deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom provided exceptional and unwavering support for their soldiers during the deployment; and

Whereas Congress and the people of the United States have the greatest pride in the men and women of the Third Infantry Division (Mechanized), and strongly support those men and women as they carry out their duties: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*  
2 *concurring), That Congress—*

3           (1) honors the men and women of the Third In-  
4 fantry Division (Mechanized) of the United States  
5 Army who participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom  
6 and the follow-on military operations in Iraq, for  
7 their professional excellence, dedicated patriotism,  
8 and exemplary bravery;

9           (2) commends the soldiers of the Third Infantry  
10 Division (Mechanized) for their role in the fall of  
11 Baghdad;

12           (3) expresses gratitude to the families of the  
13 soldiers of the Third Infantry Division (Mechanized)  
14 for bearing the burden of sacrifice and separation  
15 from loved ones during the operations in Iraq; and

16           (4) expresses deep condolences to the families  
17 of the brave soldiers of the Third Infantry Division

- 1 (Mechanized) who lost their lives while fighting to
- 2 liberate Iraq.

Passed the Senate September 5, 2003.

Attest:                      EMILY J. REYNOLDS,  
*Secretary.*